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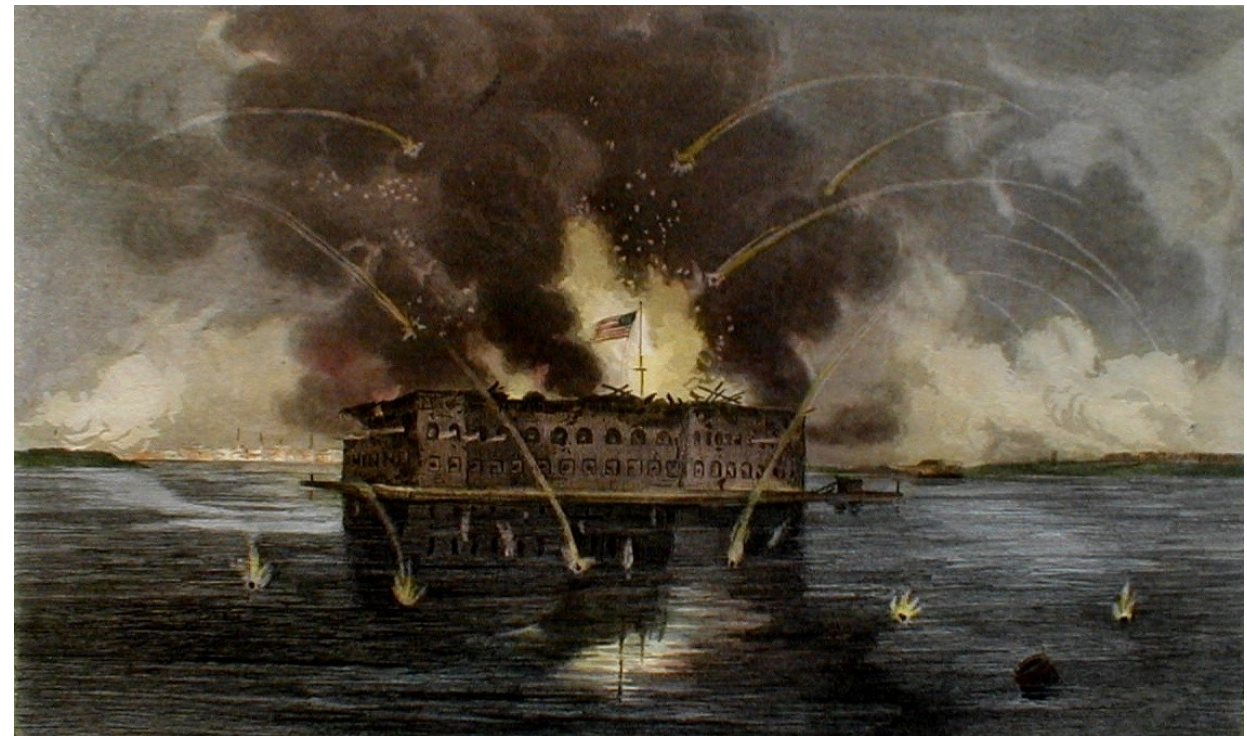
# Fort Sumter

National Park Service

Fort Sumter National Monument  
1214 Middle Street  
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482



*150th Anniversary*  
*of*  
*The First Shots of the Civil War*  
*April 9 -17, 2011*



*Commemorative Program*



# Charleston Area National Park Service Sites



As a steward of significant Civil War era battlefields and related sites, the National Park Service is a leader in the observance of one of America’s most defining national struggles *and the impact of that struggle on present-day America.*

Through this observance, the National Park Service will provide the nation with an opportunity to reflect upon this momentous event. *Collaborating with various partners and communities all over the nation, the National Park Service provides a great opportunity to touch millions of Americans including those who, with a little help, can find meaning where they thought there was none.*

Fort Sumter National Monument is comprised of three sites: Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and Liberty Square. From April 9th through April 17th, special programs will be offered at all three sites that will provide visitors with an opportunity to explore and reflect on the meaning and relevance of the Civil War.

For information on other National Park Service Civil War events please visit:  
[www.nps.gov/civilwar](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar)

Friday, April 15  
**Women’s Work: Survival Skills for the Mid-19th Century** - Demonstrations include: Laundry, spinning, candle making, butter churning, needle work, home remedies, sweet grass baskets, rice processing, indigo dying, toys & quilting.

Saturday, April 16 - Junior Ranger Day  
**Civil War Games** - Centers include: graces, races, bean bag games, lawn hoops, duck-duck-goose, croquet, yo-yos, jacks, tops, marbles, hopscotch, chess, checkers, quoits, checkered game of life, and much more.

<u>Outdoor Games</u>		
<u>Center 1:</u> 10AM, 12PM, 2PM - Graces 11AM, 1PM, 3PM - Lawn hoops	<u>Center 3:</u> 10AM, 12PM, 2PM - Bean Bag games 11AM, 1PM, 3PM - Croquet	<u>Center 5:</u> 10AM, 1PM - Jacks 11AM, 2PM - Marbles 12PM, 3PM - Hopscotch
<u>Center 2:</u> 10AM, 12PM, 2PM - Races 11AM, 1PM, 3PM - Duck-duck- goose	<u>Center 4:</u> 10AM, 12PM, 2PM - Yo-yos 11AM, 1PM, 3PM - Tops	
<u>Indoor Games</u>		
<u>Center 1:</u> 10AM, 1PM - Chess 11AM, 2PM - Checkers 12PM, 3PM - Quoits	<u>Center 3:</u> 10AM, 1PM - Dominos 11AM, 2PM - Pick-up sticks 12PM, 3PM - Fox & geese	<u>Center 5:</u> 10AM, 1PM - Parlor games 11AM, 2PM - Card games 12PM, 3PM - Table nine pins
<u>Center 2:</u> 10AM to 3PM - Checkered life	<u>Center 4:</u> 10AM, 1PM - Cup & ball 11AM, 2PM - Jacob's ladder 12PM, 3PM - Whirligigs	

Sunday, April 17  
**The Real Truth of Civil War Medicine: Diseases, Surgery, and Dentistry**  
1PM - Military Medicine - Dr. Scott Evans - The practice of medicine in America during the mid 1800s was vastly different from what is considered the modern medicine of today.  
3PM - Dentistry - David Smoot - Napoleon once said that an army travels on its stomach. It won’t get very far with bad teeth though, so a trip to the dentist is just what the general ordered.



## Liberty Square Daily Schedule of Events

(Schedule is subject to change)

All programs are designed to show what life was like in Charleston at the beginning of the Civil War.

Military Enlistment program

Daily at 8:45AM & 11:00AM, April 16th on demand

An opportunity for children to experience what it was like to be a soldier during the Civil War.

### Saturday, April 9

**Taverns and Public Houses in Charleston on the eve of the Civil War**

1PM and 3PM - Mike Coker - How important were these establishments? What were they like? What did people eat and drink? Where were they located? How many were there?

### Sunday, April 10

**Charleston Congregations** - Continuous from 1 to 5 PM (displays only)

Discuss with congregational representative about the history of the congregations that were in Charleston during the start of the Civil War.

### Monday, April 11

**Civil War Food: Battlefield and Homefront**

Visitors will explore Civil War food ways through interpretive demonstrations and short lectures about battlefield and homefront cuisine.

1 to 5PM - There will be three different ongoing interpretive demonstrations.

Presentations at 1:30PM, 2:45PM, and 3:30PM

1 to 5PM - Earn a special Junior Ranger patch on Civil War Cooking from

### Tuesday, April 12

**Postal Service in Charleston**

1 & 3 PM - Robert Karrer & Rick Calhoun

### Wednesday, April 13

**African American Life in Antebellum Charleston**

1PM - Dr. Bernard Powers - Free African Americans in Antebellum Charleston

3PM - Joe McGill - Dwellings of enslaved people

Demonstrations and interpretations being given as well.

### Thursday, April 14

1PM Dr. Nic Butler - “**The Sounds of Charleston during the Civil War**”—From war-themed popular songs and military marches to minstrel shows and African American spirituals, the people of Charleston heard and performed a wide variety of musical styles during the early 1860s.

**Civil War Dance Program** at 3:00PM

Come try your hand at learning the popular dances from the time of the Civil War.

## The Civil War Begins

History provides us with certain pivotal moments from which we can compare where we are with where we have been. The Civil War was one such moment and it continues to play a vital role in defining the United States as a nation. Fort Sumter is uniquely positioned to narrate and interpret this struggle: this is where the Civil War began.

Construction of the fort commenced in 1829. Ships from places as far away as Maine delivered 109,000 tons of rock and granite that were placed on a sand shoal at the mouth of Charleston Harbor to provide the fort’s foundation. The fort stood 50 feet above the water’s surface and covered an area of more than two acres. It had three tiers of gun emplacements, the first and second of which housed guns that were fired from enclosed rooms, known as casemates, through holes in the walls called embrasures. The upper tier of guns fired directly over the top of the fort’s walls. Inside the fort were living quarters for the officers and enlisted men. Fort Sumter was built to hold 135 guns and 650 men but because the Civil War began before construction was completed it was never armed or manned as originally intended.

America's most deadly conflict lasted four years with over 620,000 deaths. Hostilities were ignited at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, when a complex chain reaction of social, economic and political events exploded into civil war. At the heart of these events was the issue of slavery.

Fueled by decades of disagreement and confrontation, South Carolina seceded from the Union on December 20, 1860. South Carolina’s withdrawal from the Union was in protest of Abraham Lincoln's election as President and the subsequent fear of social and economic changes. With Fort Sumter as an unyielding bastion of Federal authority in South Carolina, war became inevitable.

When attempts to gain possession of the fort by peaceful measures failed and the arrival of Union resupply ships was imminent, Confederate Brigadier General Pierre G.T. Beauregard was ordered to seize Fort Sumter by force. On April 12, 1861, at 4:30 a.m. the first shot of the Civil War was fired from Fort Johnson. Confederate guns around Charleston Harbor shelled Fort Sumter during the next 34 hours from 12 batteries and fortifications. Union Major Robert Anderson’s forces fought back to the best of their ability, but with only 85 soldiers and a limited supply of cartridge bags, Union forces could only fire a few guns at any one time.

On the second day of the fighting, Confederate shells set the fort ablaze. Unable to fight the fire and the Confederate forces at the same time, Major Anderson reluctantly surrendered the fort. Despite the fact that more than 3,000 shells were fired during this initial bombardment, no soldier on either side was killed in the fighting.

As a powerful symbol to the North and the South, Fort Sumter continues to be a memorial to all who fought and died to hold it.



## Fort Sumter Daily Schedule of Events

(Schedule is subject to change)

### Daily Boat Departure Schedule:

#### Liberty Square-Charleston

9:30AM  
12:00PM  
2:30PM  
5:15PM

#### Patriots Point-Mount Pleasant

10:45AM  
1:30PM  
4:00PM

On April 9, 12, and 14, the 5:30PM boat from Liberty Square will include dinner on the boat following your visit to Fort Sumter. Please contact Fort Sumter Tours at (843)722-Boat(2628) or FortSumterTours.com for availability.

### Saturday, April 9 through Monday, April 13

Union soldier musket drill and firing, along with heavy artillery drill for every boat.

### Thursday, April 14

During the 9:30AM, 10:45AM, 12:00PM, 1:30PM, and the 2:30PM boats there will be a ceremony signifying the surrender for Fort Sumter.

For the 4:00PM and 5:15PM boats the Confederate soldiers will have musket drills and firings along with heavy artillery drills.

### Friday, April 15 & Saturday, April 16

Confederate soldier musket drill and firing, along with heavy artillery drill for every boat.

### Sunday, April 17

#### Boat Departure Schedule:

#### Liberty Square

9:30AM  
12:00PM  
2:30PM

#### Patriots Point

10:45AM  
1:30PM  
4:00PM

Confederate soldier musket drill and firing, along with heavy artillery drill for every boat.

## Fort Moultrie Daily Schedule of Events

(Schedule is subject to change)

### Saturday, April 9 & Sunday, April 10 and Saturday April 16 & Sunday, April 17

Fort Moultrie and campsites open - 9AM

**Children's Musket Drill - *Parade Ground*** - 10AM, 1PM, and 3PM

**Musket Drill/Firing - *Parade Ground*** - 10:30AM, 1:30PM, and 3:30PM

**Heavy Artillery Drill - *Inside Fort Moultrie*** - 11AM, 2PM, 4PM, and 5PM

**Musket Drill/Firing - *Outer Firing Range*** - 11:30AM, 2:30PM, 4:30PM

Fort Moultrie closes - 7PM

*On Sunday, April 17, the last demonstration will be at 3:30PM and Fort Moultrie closes at 5PM*

### Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15

Fort Moultrie and campsites open - 9AM

**Heavy Artillery Drill - *Inside Fort Moultrie*** - 10AM, 11AM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, and 5PM

**Musket Drill/Firing - *Outer Firing Range*** - 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM, and 4:30PM

Fort Moultrie closes - 7PM

